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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Human sebum mimetics and methods for producing human sebum mimetics are provided. In one exemplary embodiment, a human sebum mimetic comprises a wax ester derived from interesterification of a refined botanical triglyceride oil comprising palmitoleic acid and refined jojoba oil, a phytosterol, phytosqualene, and phytosteryl macadamiate. A method for producing a human sebum mimetic comprises mixing refined macadamia oil and refined jojoba oil, interesterifying the macadamia oil and the jojoba oil, adding a phytosterol, adding phytosteryl macadamiate, and adding phytosqualene after interesterification.

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HUMAN SEBUM MIMETICS DERIVED FROM BOTANICAL SOURCES AND METHODS FOR MAKING THE SAME

CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention generally relates to personal care compositions and methods for manufacturing them, and more particularly relates to human sebum mimetics derived from botanical sources and methods for making them.

BACKGROUND OF INVENTION

Human sebum is secreted by the sebaceous glands that are found over substantially the entire skin surface (except the palms of the hands and soles of the feet), but are found predominately on the scalp, face, chest, and back. Sebum is involved in development of the epidermal structure and maintenance of the epidermal permeability barrier, carrying antioxidants to the skin surface, protecting the skin from microbial colonization, generating body odor, and providing UV protection.

When secreted, human sebum is a complex mixture of triglycerides, wax esters, cholesterol, cholesterol esters, and squalene. As the sebum is secreted, it consists primarily of triglycerides and wax esters, which are broken down by microbes into diglycerides, monoglycerides, and the constituent free fatty acids. The fatty acid chain lengths of human sebum vary considerably, but have predominantly 16 and 18 carbons, such as in the case of stearic acid (18 carbons with no double bond (hereinafter denoted 18:0)), oleic acid (18:1 with one double bond on the ninth carbon (hereinafter denoted 18:1Δ9)), linoleic acid (18:2Δ9Δ12), palmitic acid (16:0), and sapienic acid (16:1Δ6).

Loss of sebum over time can be due to a variety of environmental factors such as bathing, weather conditions, chemical products, poor nutrition, and genetic factors. For example, a natural lack of sebum is observed on the scalp of African-Americans. A loss of sebum can result in itching, dandruff, wrinkles, diaper rash and the like on the skin. In addition, the hair may become brittle and dry without a sufficient amount of sebum to moisturize it. While a variety of

products exist that attempt to repair the suppleness caused by lack of sebum, many of these products contain synthetic components or components that are derived from animals and do not mimic the structure and formulation of human sebum.

In this regard, the products are not absorbed by the skin as readily as human sebum. In addition, the products are often made from unstable ingredients that exhibit a short shelf life.

Accordingly, it is desirable to provide a stable human sebum mimetic produced from plant sources. It is also desirable to provide a method for manufacturing a human sebum mimetic. Furthermore, other desirable features and characteristics of the present invention will become apparent from the subsequent Detailed Description of the invention and the appended claims, taken in conjunction with this Background of the invention.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Human sebum mimetics and methods for producing human sebum mimetics are provided. In one exemplary embodiment, a human sebum mimetic may comprise a wax ester derived from interesterification of a refined botanical triglyceride oil comprising palmitoleic acid and jojoba oil (optionally refined), a phytosterol, and phytosqualene.

In another exemplary embodiment, a method for producing a human sebum mimetic may comprise mixing refined macadamia oil and refined jojoba oil, interesterifying the macadamia oil and the jojoba oil, adding a phytosterol before or after the interesterification, and adding phytosqualene after interesterifying.

In a further exemplary embodiment, a human sebum mimetic may comprise a wax ester having a fatty acid comprising 16 carbons and one double bond (said wax ester being derived from a plant source), a phytosterol, and phytosqualene.

In a further exemplary embodiment, the human sebum mimetic may comprise a wax ester having a fatty acid comprising 16 carbons and one double bond (said wax ester being derived from a plant source), a phytosterol, phytosqualene, and a phytosteryl acylate.

In a further exemplary embodiment, a human sebum mimetic may comprise a wax ester derived from interesterification of a refined botanical oil comprising hexadec-9-enoic acid and refined jojoba oil, a phytosterol, phytosqualene, and phytosteryl macadamiate.

In a further exemplary embodiment, a human sebum mimetic may comprise a wax ester derived from interesterification of a refined botanical oil comprising palmitoleic acid and refined jojoba oil, a phytosterol, phytosqualene, phytosteryl macadamiate, and a constituent lipid of a stratum corneum.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The following detailed description is merely exemplary in nature and is not intended to limit the invention or the application and uses of the invention. Furthermore, there is no intention to be bound by any theory presented in the preceding background or the following Detailed Description.

Various embodiments contemplated herein are directed to compositions that mimic human sebum. The approximate composition of human sebum includes by weight percent (wt. %) (from Pierre Agache, "Sebaceous Physiology," *Measuring The Skin*, Springer-Verlog, 2004, pp. 271-280):

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Squalene | 12 wt. % |
| Wax esters | 26 wt. % |
| Glycerides and free fatty acids | 57.5 wt. % |
| Sterols (free and esters) | 4.5 wt. % |

The human sebum mimetics contemplated herein are plant based; that is, the components of the mimetics are derived either physically or chemically from plant sources. In this regard, the mimetics are plant-derived analogs of human sebum in that they are derived from phytosqualene, phytosterols, a botanical oil (optionally refined) such as macadamia oil (which is the source of the mimetic's triglycerides), and jojoba oil (which is the source of the mimetic's wax ester fraction). As used herein, the term "refined oil" means crude oil that has had undesirable compounds such as free fatty acids, carbohydrates, metals, proteins, and/or the like removed. In one embodiment, the human sebum mimetic is derived from phytosqualene in an amount of about 5 to about 20 wt. % of the entire mimetic, refined jojoba oil in an amount of about 20 to about 35 wt. % of the entire mimetic, refined macadamia oil in an amount of about 45 to about 65 wt. % of the entire mimetic, and phytosterols in an amount of about 0.5 to about 10 wt. % of the entire mimetic. In a representatively preferred embodiment, the human sebum mimetic is derived from phytosqualene in an amount of about 11 to about 15 wt. % of the entire mimetic, refined jojoba oil in an amount of about 29 to about 33 wt. % of the entire mimetic, refined macadamia oil in an amount of about 51 to about 55 wt. % of the entire mimetic, and phytosterols in an amount of about 1 to about 5 wt. % of the entire mimetic. In a representatively more preferred embodiment, the human sebum mimetic is substantially derived from the following composition in weight percent:

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Phytosqualene | 12.9 wt. % |
| Refined jojoba oil | 30.8 wt. % |
| Refined macadamia oil | 53.2 wt. % |
| Phytosterols | 3.1 wt. % |

Human sebum has particularly high levels of hexadecenoic acid (16:0) (also referred to as palmitic acid), sapienic acid (16:1Δ6), and oleic acid (C18:1Δ9). Analogously, the human sebum mimetics contemplated herein also comprise high levels of palmitic acid and oleic acid, as macadamia oil itself comprises about 8.8 wt % palmitic acid and about 58 wt. % oleic acid. In one embodiment, the human sebum mimetic comprises about 1 to about 10 wt. % palmitic acid, in a preferred embodiment about 3 to about 7 wt. % palmitic acid, and in a more preferred embodiment about 4.8 wt. % palmitic acid. In another embodiment, the human sebum comprises about 25 to about 35 wt. % oleic acid, in a preferred embodiment about 30 to about 34 wt. % oleic acid, and in a more preferred embodiment about 31.6 wt. % oleic acid.

However, sapienic acid is unique among mammals. Hexadec-9enoic acid (16:1Δ9) (also referred to as palmitoleic acid), an analog of sapienic acid, is a substitute for the sapienic acid. While palmitoleic acid is fairly rare in the plant kingdom, macadamia oil has the highest palmitoleic acid content of the currently-available commercial oils, with about 16-22% palmitoleic acid. Accordingly, the inventors have found that by interesterifying the refined macadamia oil and the refined jojoba oil of the human sebum mimetic, a wax ester comprising palmitoleic acid results. While macadamia oil is preferred, other seed oils contain greater than 10% palmitoleic acid and also may be interesterified with refined

jojoba oil to produce a wax ester comprising palmitoleic acid. The genera of these species include *Thunbergia*, *Doxantha*, *Aliphia*, *Roureopsis*, *Telopea*, and *Asclepias*.

In one embodiment, the human sebum mimetic comprises palmitoleic acid in an amount of about 5 to about 15 wt. % of the entire mimetic composition. In a preferred embodiment, the human sebum mimetic comprises palmitoleic acid in an amount of about 8 to about 12 wt. % of the entire mimetic composition and, in a more preferred embodiment, the human sebum mimetic comprises palmitoleic acid in an amount of about 9.7 wt. % of the entire mimetic composition. In a most preferred embodiment, the human sebum mimetic comprises the following fatty acids and fatty alcohols in weight percent:

| Fatty acids: | Wt. % | Fatty Alcohols | Wt. % |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
| Myristic acid (14:0) | 0.5 | cis-11-Eicosenol (20:1) | 5.9 |
| Palmitic acid (16:0) | 4.8 | cis-13-docosenol (22:1) | 6.3 |
| Palmitoleic acid (16:1) | 9.7 | cis-15-tetracosenol (24:1) | 1.9 |
| Stearic acid (18:0) | 1.9 | | |
| Unknown 18:1 (18:1) | 0.1 | | |
| Oleic acid (18:1) | 31.6 | | |
| cis-Vaccenic acid (18:1) | 1.6 | | |
| Linoleic acid (18:2) | 1.3 | | |
| Linolenic acid (18:3) | 0.1 | | |
| Arachidic acid (20:0) | 1.5 | | |
| cis-11-Eicosenoic acid (20:1) | 13.9 | | |
| Behenic acid (22:0) | 0.5 | | |
| Erucic acid (22:1) | 29 | | |
| Lignoceric acid (24:0) | 0.2 | | |
| Nervonic acid (24:1) | 0.3 | | |

In another exemplary embodiment, the human sebum mimetic may comprise an acylate. The acylate may comprise an acylated alcohol wherein the alcohol originates from any suitable source. The acylated alcohol may be a stearyl ester. In one embodiment, the stearyl ester may be a phytosteryl acylate. The phytosteryl acylate may be an ester of phytosterol and the fatty acids derived from any suitable plant source. For example, the phytosteryl acylate may comprise phytosteryl macadamiate derived from macadamia oil.

In another exemplary embodiment, the human sebum mimetic may comprise the compositional lipid profile of the sebum of any selected profile, such as an exemplary 22 year old human female. The human sebum mimetic may be derived from interesterifying refined jojoba oil in an amount of about 24.9 wt. % of the entire mimetic and a refined botanical oil comprising a triglyceride, wherein the refined botanical oil comprises palmitoleic acid in an amount of about 61.9 wt. % of the entire mimetic. In one embodiment, the refined botanical oil comprising palmitoleic acid may comprise refined macadamia oil. The mimetic may further comprise phytosqualene in an amount of about 12.6 wt. % of the entire mimetic, phytosterols in an amount of about 0.4 wt. % of the entire mimetic, phytosteryl macadamiate in an amount of about 0.1 wt. % of the entire mimetic, and/or tocopherols in an amount of about 0.1 wt. % of the entire mimetic (about 1000 parts per million).

In various embodiments of the present invention, the human sebum mimetic may further comprise an effective amount of any constituent lipid found in a stratum corneum layer of an epidermis. In one embodiment, the human sebum mimetic may comprise a derivative and/or precursor of the constituent lipid. In one embodiment, the constituent lipid may be present in the human sebum mimetic in an effective amount to organize the intercellular lamellar lipid structure of the stratum corneum to at least partially promote and/or maintain the water permeability barrier function of the skin. For

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example, in one embodiment, the constituent lipid may comprise fatty acids such as long chain saturated fatty acid having chain lengths of C16 to C30 and/or unsaturated fatty acids such as linoleate. In another embodiment, the constituent lipid may comprise a ceramide and/or a sphingolipid. Ceramides may comprise a structurally heterogeneous family of sphingolipid base derivatives with amide linkages to a variety of long-chain fatty acids. For example, the ceramide may comprise any one or more ceramides found in human stratum corneum, such as acylceramides. In one embodiment, the mimetic may comprise the ceramide in an amount up to about 27 wt. % of the entire mimetic. Sphingolipids may comprise any one or more of the structurally heterogeneous family of lipids. For example, the sphingolipids may have eighteen carbon amino-alcohol backbones that may be called sphingoid bases. In one embodiment, the mimetic may comprise the sphingolipid in an amount up to about 27 wt. % of the entire mimetic.

In various embodiments of the present invention, the constituent lipid may comprise a phospholipid. The phospholipid may comprise any lipid containing phosphoric acid as a monoester or a diester. In one embodiment, the phospholipid may comprise any of the amphipathic phospholipids that are part of the main components of cell membranes. For example, in various embodiments, the phospholipid may comprise one or more of phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylethanolamine, phosphatidylinositol, and/or phosphatidylserine. In another embodiment, the phospholipid may comprise derivatives of phospholipids such as sphingomyelin.

In one embodiment, the phospholipid may be at least partially purified from a source. The source may comprise any suitable source of phospholipids such as soybean, rapeseed, and/or sunflower oils. In another embodiment, the phospholipid may be provided in an unpurified source such as in lecithin.

In various embodiments of the present invention, the phospholipid may be present in the human sebum mimetic in an effective amount to provide one or more derivatives for biosynthesis of the stratum corneum, such as the biosynthesis of Ceramide I. In another embodiment, the phospholipid may be present in the human sebum mimetic in an effective amount to organize an extracellular mono- or oligolamellar layer on the skin to at least partially promote and/or maintain the barrier function of the skin. In another embodiment, the phospholipid may remain on the skin after washing. In yet another embodiment, the phospholipid may at least partially improve moisture in the skin, may improve inflammation of the skin such as from atopic dermatitis and/or acne vulgaris, may protect the skin from degreasing, and/or may promote smoothness of the skin.

In various embodiments of the present invention, the phospholipid may comprise a transdermal delivery system for transporting active agents such as fat-soluble vitamins, plant oils, and/or other active ingredients to the stratum corneum layer of the skin. For example, in one embodiment, the delivery system may comprise a liposome with an inner aqueous core enclosed in one or more phospholipid layers. In one embodiment, the delivery system may further comprise non-phospholipid components such as fat-soluble active agents including 1% tocopherol. The delivery system may comprise any shape or size to facilitate fixation and/or penetration of the stratum corneum to deliver the active agent to the skin.

In various embodiments of the present invention, any human sebum mimetic may further comprise an effective amount of trace constituents of the stratum corneum layer of an epidermis. For example, in one embodiment, the trace constituent may comprise cholesterol such as cholesterol sul-

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fate. In some embodiments, the cholesterol sulfate may comprise a portion of a human sebum mimetic in an amount similar to the amount of cholesterol sulfate found in a stratum corneum, such as up to about 2 to about 5 wt. % of the entire mimetic. In another embodiment, the trace constituent may be a mineral such as calcium (Ca^{2+}). In some embodiments, the mimetic may comprise the trace constituent in an amount up to about 12 wt. % of the entire mimetic.

In another exemplary embodiment, the human sebum mimetics contemplated herein comprise additional functional additives, that is, an ingredient added to perform a particular function. For example, the human sebum mimetics may comprise tocopherols. In one embodiment, the human sebum mimetic comprises about 100 to about 2000 parts per million (ppm) of 70% tocopherols, preferably about 1430 ppm. The human sebum mimetics may also comprise fragrances, dyes, pigments, preservatives, antioxidants, moisturizers, and the like. By way of a further example, the human sebum mimetics may comprise emollients or thickeners, such as, FLORAESTERS 20 (FE-20) available from International Flora Technologies, Ltd. of Chandler, Ariz. FLORAESTERS 20 may be used to increase the viscosity and/or the bulk melting/dropping point of the mimetic, to more closely replicate the wax ester profile of human sebum, etc.

Alternatively, or in addition, the human sebum mimetics may be used as a component in a wide range of personal care products, such as a hair care lotions, shampoos, hair conditioners, hair gels, hair oils, hair colors, hair relaxers, hand lotions, facial lotions, eye creams, facial soaps, body lotions and creams, body scrubs, shaving gels, hair removers, sanitary wipes, and the like. Because their compositions are closely analogous to that of human sebum, the human sebum mimetics may facilitate the natural healing and recovery system of the human skin and accelerate cell turn-over and topical blood circulation, thereby decreasing the appearance of wrinkles, dark circles under eyes, and age spots. The human sebum mimetics may also reduce irritation on the scalp through natural healing and improve hydration of the skin. The human sebum mimetics could also be used beyond human application and could be used on animals and to keep fruits and vegetables fresh.

The human sebum mimetics contemplated herein are particularly suitable as substitutes for lost human sebum due to their stability. Oil stability is measured according to the American Oil Chemists' Society's Official Method Cd 12b-92 at 110° C. In one embodiment, the human sebum mimetics contemplated herein have an oil stability index greater than about 50 hours at 110° C. In another embodiment, the human sebum mimetics contemplated herein have an oil stability index greater than about 40 hours at 110° C. In this regard, the mimetics are substantially resistant to oxidation and have a shelf life that makes them desirable as, and in, personal care products.

In accordance with an exemplary embodiment, a method for producing a human sebum mimetic comprises mixing refined macadamia oil and refined jojoba oil, interesterifying the refined macadamia oil and the refined jojoba oil to produce a wax ester comprising a fatty acid having 16 carbons and one double bond, adding a phytosterol, and adding phytosqualene. Phytosterol can be added to the refined macadamia oil and the refined jojoba oil before interesterification and/or after interesterification. The resulting human sebum mimetic can then be bleached and/or deodorized.

In one exemplary embodiment, a mixture of 53.2 grams (g) refined macadamia oil, 30.8 g refined jojoba oil and 2.1 g phytosterol are mixed and heated to 90° C. while stirring under vacuum. After about 0.5 hours, 0.84 g sodium methox-

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ide is added to the mixture and the temperature is increased to 130° C. and maintained at that temperature for about 2 to about 2.5 hours. The mixture is then cooled to 90° C. and 0.84 g citric acid is added with stirring for 0.5 hours. The mixture is then filtered. 1 g phytosterol and 12.9 g phytosqualene is added to the filtrate, which is mixed until homogeneity is achieved, resulting in the mimetic. 1 wt. % bleaching earth (Clarion 470 bleaching clay available from American Colloid Company, Arlington Heights, Ill.) may be added to the mimetic, which is then heated to 95° C. and maintained for 15 to 30 minutes with stirring under vacuum. The mixture is filtered. To remove odors and other volatile materials, the mimetic may be heated to 200-220° C. under high vacuum while water vapor is injected into it. The temperature is maintained for about 2 hours and then cooled while still under vacuum. In a preferred embodiment, 1430 ppm tocopherol (70%) is added and mixed into the mimetic. Any additional additives also may be added at this time.

The following are exemplary embodiments of personal care products comprising the human sebum mimetic produced as described above, with each of the components set forth in % wt/wt of the personal care product. The examples are provided for illustration purposes only and are not meant to limit the various embodiments of the human sebum mimetic in any way.

Example 1 is a hair conditioning lotion providing multiple functions including moisturizing, shining, holding, and anti-breaking functions.

Example 1

| | Ingredient | wt./wt. % |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Phase A | Water | 77.95 |
| | Polyquaternium-37 | 0.70 |
| | Glycerin | 3.00 |
| | Sodium PCA | 1.00 |
| | Panthenol | 0.50 |
| Phase B | Silicone Quaternium-8 | 2.00 |
| | Human Sebum Mimetic | 3.00 |
| Phase C | Sorbitan Stearate (and) | 2.00 |
| | Sucrose Cocoate | |
| Phase D | Propanediol | 8.00 |
| | Quaternium-79 Hydrolyzed | 0.50 |
| | Keratin | |
| Phase E | Preservative | 1.00 |
| | Fragrance | 0.35 |
| | Total | 100.00 |

The hair conditioning lotion of Example 1 is manufactured by heating the water to 45° C. with stirring and adding the Polyquaternium-37 with medium propeller agitation. The solution is mixed until a clear gel forms. The remaining ingredients in Phase A are added to the gel in the order listed. The ingredients in Phase B are added together at 45° C. The mixture of the Phase B ingredients is then added to the ingredients of Phase A with rapid propeller agitation. The Phase A and B ingredients are heated to 60° C., and the Phase C ingredient is added with medium propeller agitation. All ingredients of Phase D are mixed at 60° C. and are added to the Phase ABC mixture with medium propeller agitation. The resulting formula is cooled quickly on an ice-water bath. The fragrance of Phase E is then added.

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Example 2 is another hair conditioning lotion providing multiple functions including moisturizing, shining, holding, and anti-breaking functions.

Example 2

| | Ingredient | wt./wt. % |
|---------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Phase A | Water | 71.95 |
| | Polyquaternium-37 | 1.00 |
| | Glycerin | 3.00 |
| | Sodium PCA | 1.00 |
| | Panthenol | 0.50 |
| Phase B | Silicone Quaternium-8 | 2.00 |
| | Ethyl Macadamiate (and) | 2.00 |
| | Tocopherol (and) Malic Acid | |
| | Human Sebum Mimetic | 3.00 |
| | Isopropyl Jojobate (and) Jojoba | 1.00 |
| Phase C | Alcohol (and) Jojoba Esters | |
| | Phenyltrimethicone | 1.00 |
| | Sorbitan Stearate (and) | 2.00 |
| | Sucrose Cocoate | |
| | Propanediol | 8.00 |
| Phase D | Jojoba Oil PEG-150 Esters | 1.50 |
| | Quaternium-79 Hydrolyzed | 0.50 |
| | Keratin | |
| | Preservative | 1.00 |
| | Hydrolyzed Jojoba Esters (and) | 1.00 |
| Phase E | Jojoba Esters (and) Water | |
| | Fragrance | 0.35 |
| | Total | 100.00 |

The hair conditioning lotion of Example 2 is manufactured using the same method as described above for Example 1.

Accordingly, human sebum mimetics and methods for producing them have been provided. The human sebum mimetics are formed from phytosqualene, phytosterols, refined jojoba oil, and a refined botanical oil, such as macadamia oil, comprising palmitoleic acid. Of its fatty acids, human sebum has particularly high levels of palmitic acid (16:0), sapienic acid (16:1Δ6), and oleic acid (C18:1Δ9). Analogously, the human sebum mimetics contemplated herein also comprise high levels of palmitic acid and oleic acid. In one embodiment, the human sebum mimetics comprise about 1 to about 10 wt. % palmitic acid and about 25 to about 35 wt. % oleic acid. However, sapienic acid is unique among mammals and rarely found in nature. The inventors have found that by interesterifying the refined macadamia oil and the refined jojoba oil of the human sebum mimetics, a wax ester comprising palmitoleic acid, a substitute for sapienic acid, results. In one embodiment, the human sebum mimetics comprise palmitoleic acid in an amount of about 5 to about 15 wt % of the entire mimetic composition.

While at least one exemplary embodiment has been presented in the foregoing detailed description of the invention, it should be appreciated that a vast number of variations exist. It should also be appreciated that the exemplary embodiment or exemplary embodiments are only examples, and are not intended to limit the scope, applicability, or configuration of the invention in any way. Rather, the foregoing detailed description will provide those skilled in the art with a convenient road map for implementing an exemplary embodiment of the invention. It being understood that various changes may be made in the function and arrangement of elements described in an exemplary embodiment without departing from the scope of the invention as set forth in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A human sebum mimetic comprising:
a wax ester derived from interesterification of:
jojoba oil; and
an oil comprising a triglyceride:
a phytosterol;
phytosqualene; and
phytosteryl macadamiate.
2. The human sebum mimetic of claim 1, further comprising a constituent lipid of a stratum corneum.
3. The human sebum mimetic of claim 1, wherein the oil comprising the triglyceride comprises hexadec-9-enoic acid.
4. The human sebum mimetic of claim 3, wherein the oil comprising the triglyceride comprises more than 10 wt. % hexadec-9-enoic acid.
5. The human sebum mimetic of claim 1, wherein the oil comprising the triglyceride is refined macadamia oil.
6. The human sebum mimetic of claim 1, further comprising about 1 to about 10 wt. % palmitic acid.
7. The human sebum mimetic of claim 6, wherein the palmitic acid is about 3 to about 7 wt. % of the entire mimetic.
8. The human sebum mimetic of claim 1, further comprising about 25 to about 35 wt. % oleic acid.
9. The human sebum mimetic of claim 8, wherein the oleic acid is about 30 to about 34 wt. % of the entire mimetic.
10. The human sebum mimetic of claim 3, wherein the hexadec-9-enoic acid is about 5 to about 15 wt. % of the entire mimetic.
11. The human sebum mimetic of claim 3, wherein the hexadec-9-enoic acid is about 8 to about 12 wt. % of the entire mimetic.
12. The human sebum mimetic of claim 1, having an oil stability index greater than about 40 hours at 110° C.
13. The human sebum mimetic of claim 2, wherein the constituent lipid comprises a sphingolipid.

14. The human sebum mimetic of claim 13, wherein the sphingolipid comprises up to about 27 wt. % of the entire mimetic.
15. The human sebum mimetic of claim 2, wherein the constituent lipid comprises a ceramide.
16. The human sebum mimetic of claim 15, wherein the ceramide comprises up to about 27 wt. % of the entire mimetic.
17. The human sebum mimetic of claim 2, wherein the constituent lipid comprises phospholipid.
18. The human sebum mimetic of claim 17, wherein the phospholipid comprises phosphatidylcholine.
19. The human sebum mimetic of claim 1, further comprising a trace constituent of a stratum corneum layer of an epidermis.
20. The human sebum mimetic of claim 19, wherein the trace constituent comprises cholesterol.
21. The human sebum mimetic of claim 20, wherein the cholesterol comprises cholesterol sulfate.
22. The human sebum mimetic of claim 19, wherein the trace constituent comprises a mineral.
23. The human sebum mimetic of claim 22, wherein the mineral comprises calcium.
24. The human sebum mimetic of claim 1, further comprising a functional additive.
25. The human sebum mimetic of claim 24, wherein the functional additive is at least one of a tocopherol, a fragrance, a dye, a pigment, a preservative, an antioxidant, a moisturizer, an emollient, and a thickener.
26. The human sebum mimetic of claim 1, wherein the human sebum mimetic is an ingredient in a personal care product adapted for care of human or animal skin or hair.
27. The human sebum mimetic of claim 26, wherein the personal care product is a hair conditioning lotion.

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